

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

Montana Business Incubator
Montana State University – Billings
100 Poly Drive, Suite 150
Billings, MT 59101
July 23, 2004

Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing

Total attendance:	39
Congressional attendance	03
RegFair Board in attendance	00
SBA personnel	04
Agencies attending	09
No. of comments	10

Small Business Organizations	Point of Contact	Membership
Montana Chamber of Commerce	Webb Brown	725
Billings Area Chamber of Commerce	Tim Farmer	1100
Big Sky Economic Development Authority	Joe McClure	52 member investors Responsible for economic development in Yellowstone County (pop. 130,000)
Montana Business Incubator	David Stoltenberg	10
SBDC – Billings	Deanna South	10
Total Represented		131,897

Summary:

Testifiers:

1. Jay Jensen, Yellowstone Bank Billings:
FDIC/Federal Reserve??

Issue: Asset limit for streamlined CRA examination. Need to increase the asset size limitation to \$500,000 million or \$1 billion, as the additional reporting required for small community banks (\$250 million asset size) is very burdensome and time consuming.

2. Al Kington, Kington Management Systems - Helena:

USDA – Forest Service & SBA

Issue: Federal timber set aside program and its effect on small sawmills in the west. The federal timber set aside program was developed in the early 70's to insure the existence of a diverse forest product industry. Unless the existing small business set aside program is revised to meet changing federal timber sale program conditions, many small sawmills will not survive. (Many have already closed.)

3. Philip Perkins, Matkins Fabrication - Billings:

OSHA:

4. Jay Jensen, Testifying for Hilltop National Bank of Casper, WY:

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5. Christopher Dimock, One Eighty Communications - Billings:

FCC:

6. Darryl Olson, Timberline Resources – Billings: (5 comments)

(a) SBA – 8(a) Program Application/Program Eligibility Requirements

(b) USFS – complex proposal requirements for submitting bids for free and open competition and small business set asides are cost prohibitive and a hardship on small businesses.

(c) Corps of Engineers/WOPA, DOD, BIA, HIS, DOE, GSA – use of IDIQ contracts and need to set regional business size standards for Montana small businesses.

(d) BLM – misuse of the GSA schedule.